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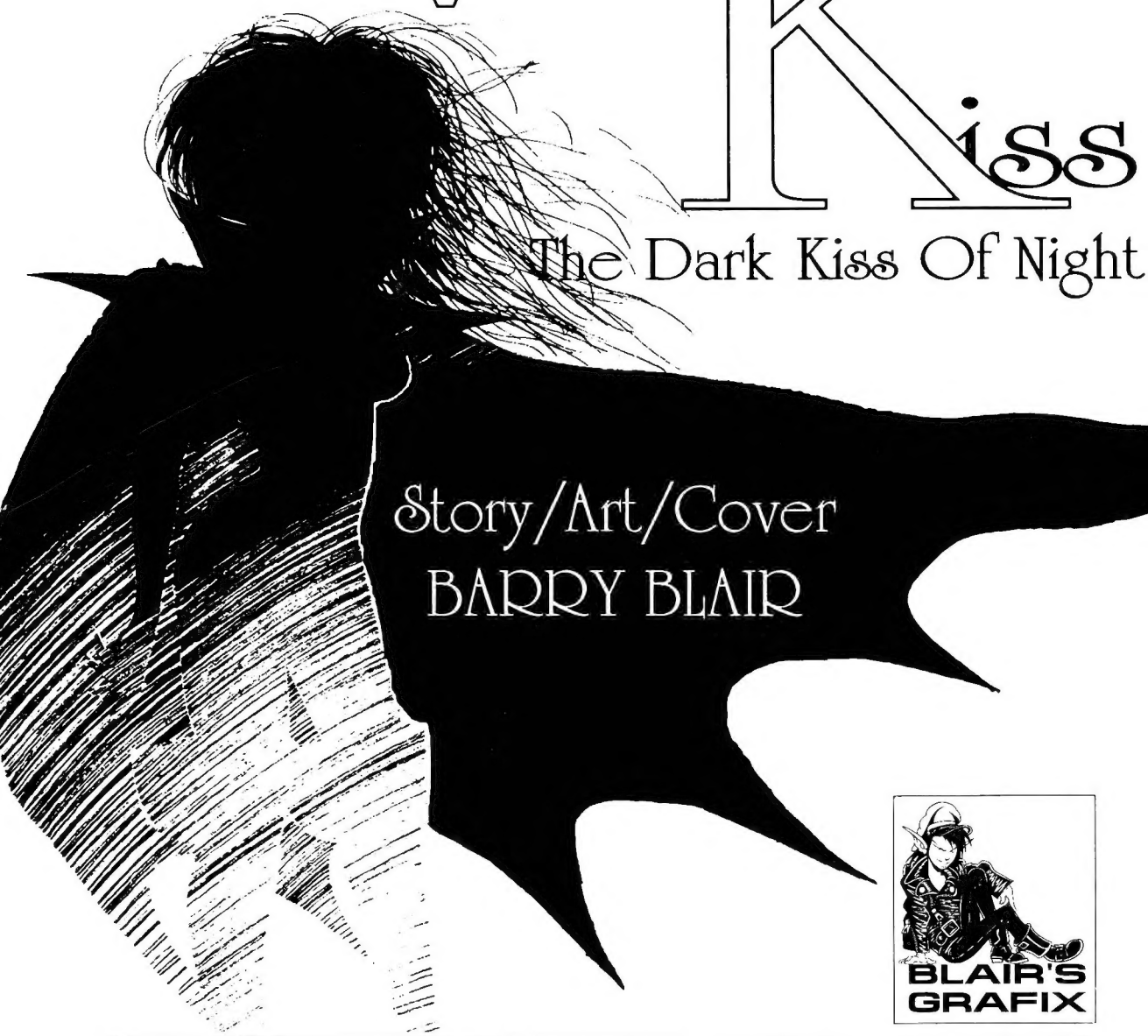

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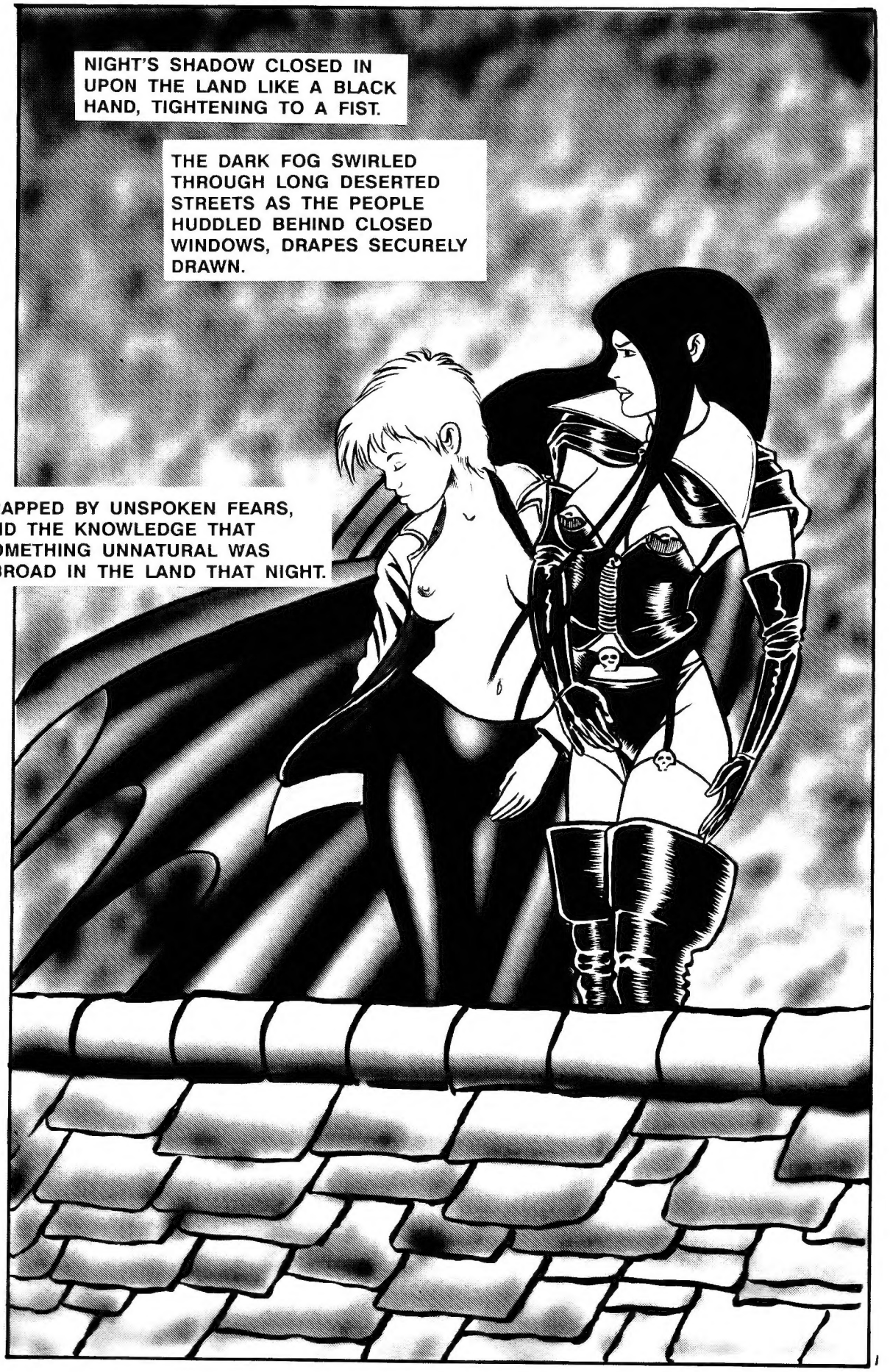
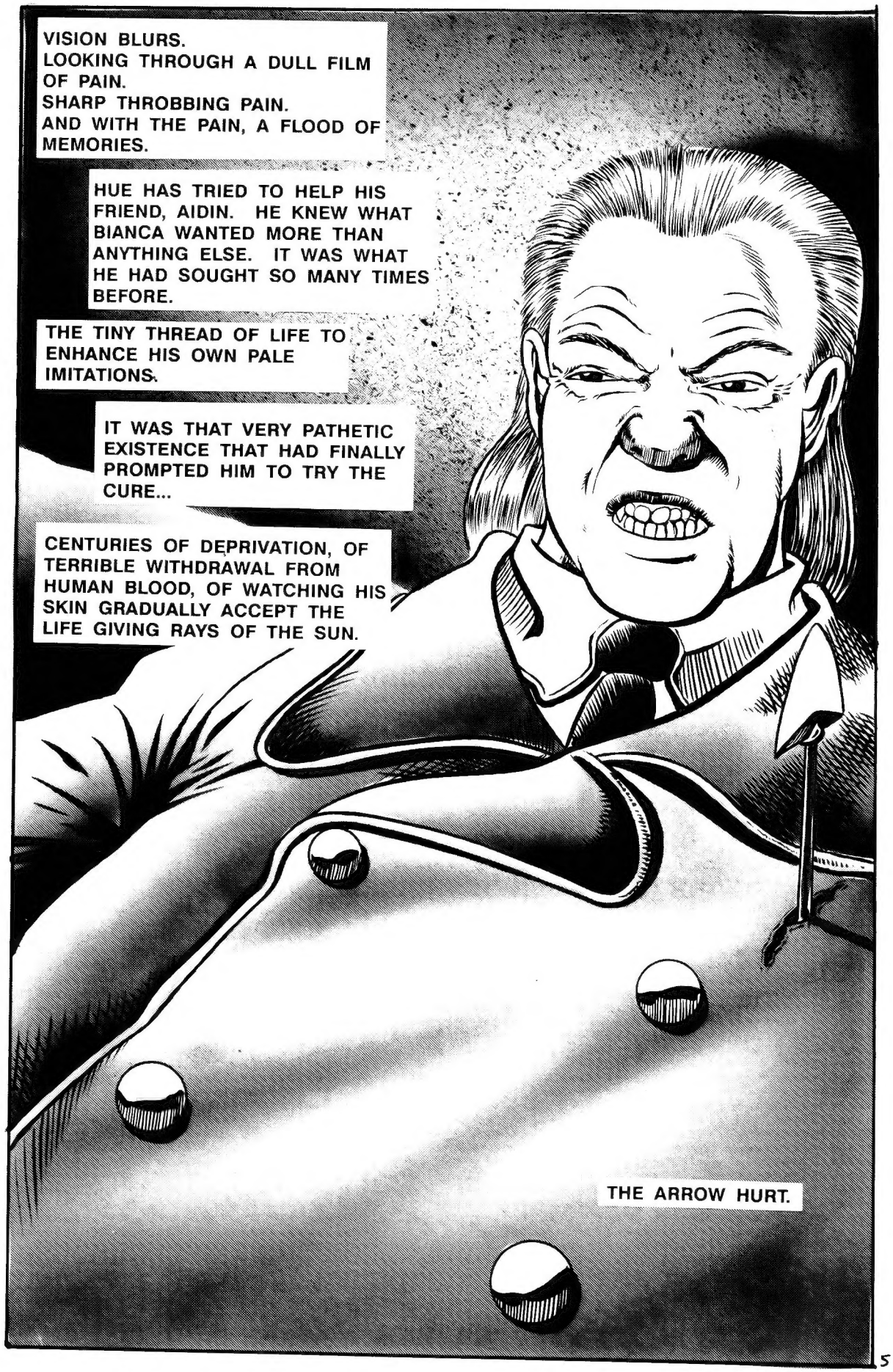

NIGHT'S SHADOW CLOSED IN UPON THE LAND LIKE A BLACK HAND, TIGHTENING TO A FIST.
THE DARK FOG SWIRLED THROUGH LONG DESERTED STREETS AS THE PEOPLE HUDDLED BEHIND CLOSED WINDOWS, DRAPES SECURELY DRAWN.
TRAPPED BY UNSPOKEN FEARS, AND THE KNOWLEDGE THAT SOMETHING UNNATURAL WAS ABROAD IN THE LAND THAT NIGHT.

SO WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THIS MORTAL, MISTRESS BIANCA? WHY DO YOU WANT HIM SO?
FOR THE SAKE OF WANTING, CHILD. THE NEED TO BE TIED TO SOMETHING LIVING, FOR JUST A LITTLE WHILE.
THE HUMANS... THEY LIVE SO HARD, SO SHORT, BUT THEIR FLAME BURNS SO BRIGHT.
ONCE IN A HUNDRED YEARS ONE COMES ALONG THAT I CHOOSE TO KEEP FOR MYSELF. AIDIN IS SUCH A ONE.

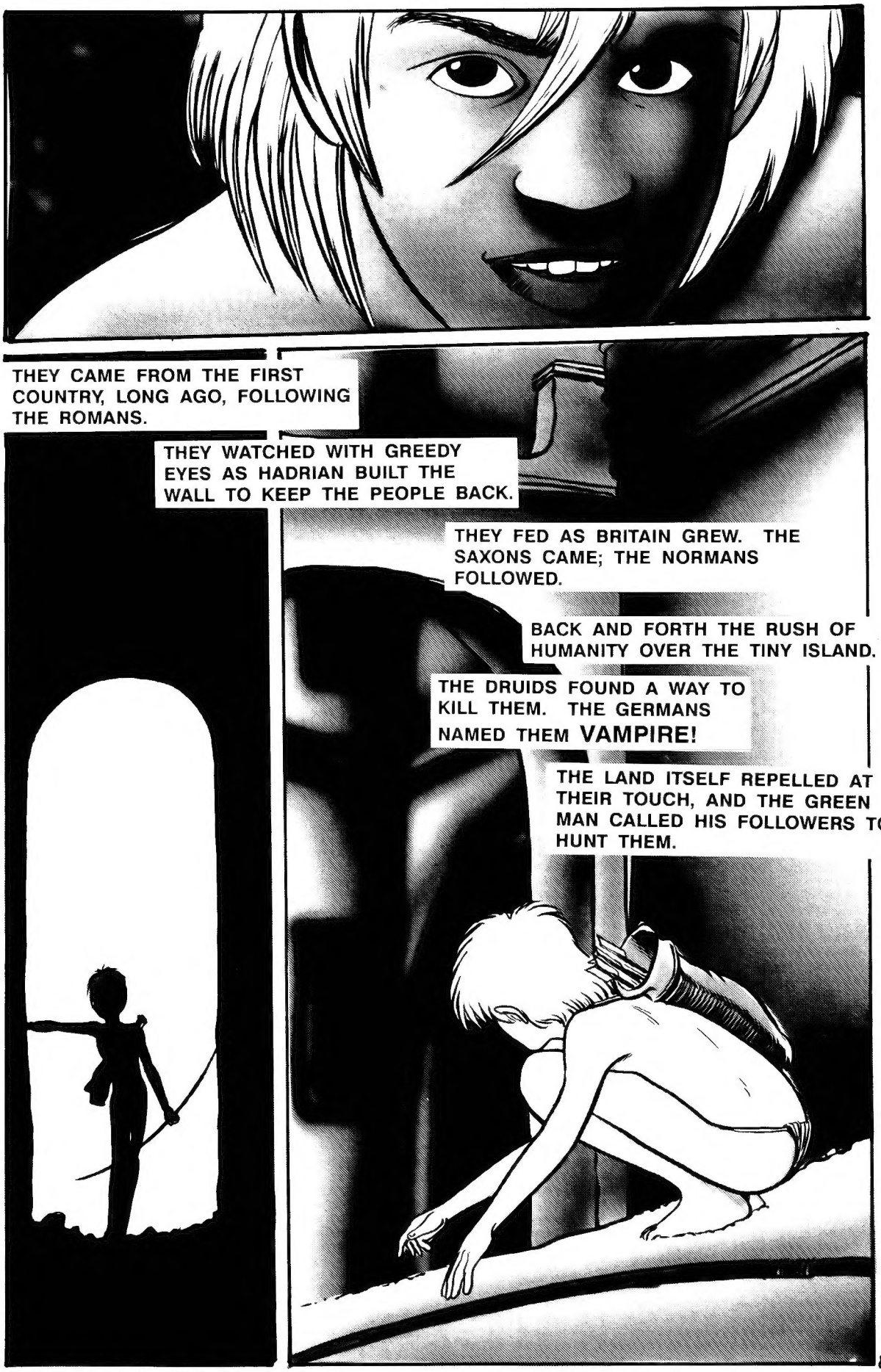
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG, BIANCA. A FORCE HOLDING ME BACK...
THE WARDS.
ANOTHER OF OUR KIND PROTECTS HIM FROM US. PERHAPS HE WANTS HIM FOR HIMSELF.
BUT HE'S CHARMED THE WINDOWS AND DOORS AND GIVEN AIDIN DRUGS TO KEEP ME OUT OF HIS MIND.
THEN WE MUST WAIT FOR YOUR MORTAL TO LEAVE ?
NO, I HAVE OTHER WAYS TO GET IN.

ALL MY HOMUNCULI HAVE TO DO IS FIND US A WAY IN.
BREAK A SEAL AND AIDIN WILL BE MINE. DRUGS OR NO, I'LL SLIP INTO HIS MIND AND DESTROY HIS WILL.
THEN WE SPIRIT HIM AWAY TO SUFFOLK HALL.


VISION BLURS.
LOOKING THROUGH A DULL FILM OF PAIN.
SHARP THROBBING PAIN.
AND WITH THE PAIN, A FLOOD OF MEMORIES.
HUE HAS TRIED TO HELP HIS FRIEND, AIDIN. HE KNEW WHAT BIANCA WANTED MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE. IT WAS WHAT HE HAD SOUGHT SO MANY TIMES BEFORE.
THE TINY THREAD OF LIFE TO ENHANCE HIS OWN PALE IMITATIONS.
IT WAS THAT VERY PATHETIC EXISTENCE THAT HAD FINALLY PROMPTED HIM TO TRY THE CURE...
CENTURIES OF DEPRIVATION, OF TERRIBLE WITHDRAWAL FROM HUMAN BLOOD, OF WATCHING HIS SKIN GRADUALLY ACCEPT THE LIFE GIVING RAYS OF THE SUN.
THE ARROW HURT.

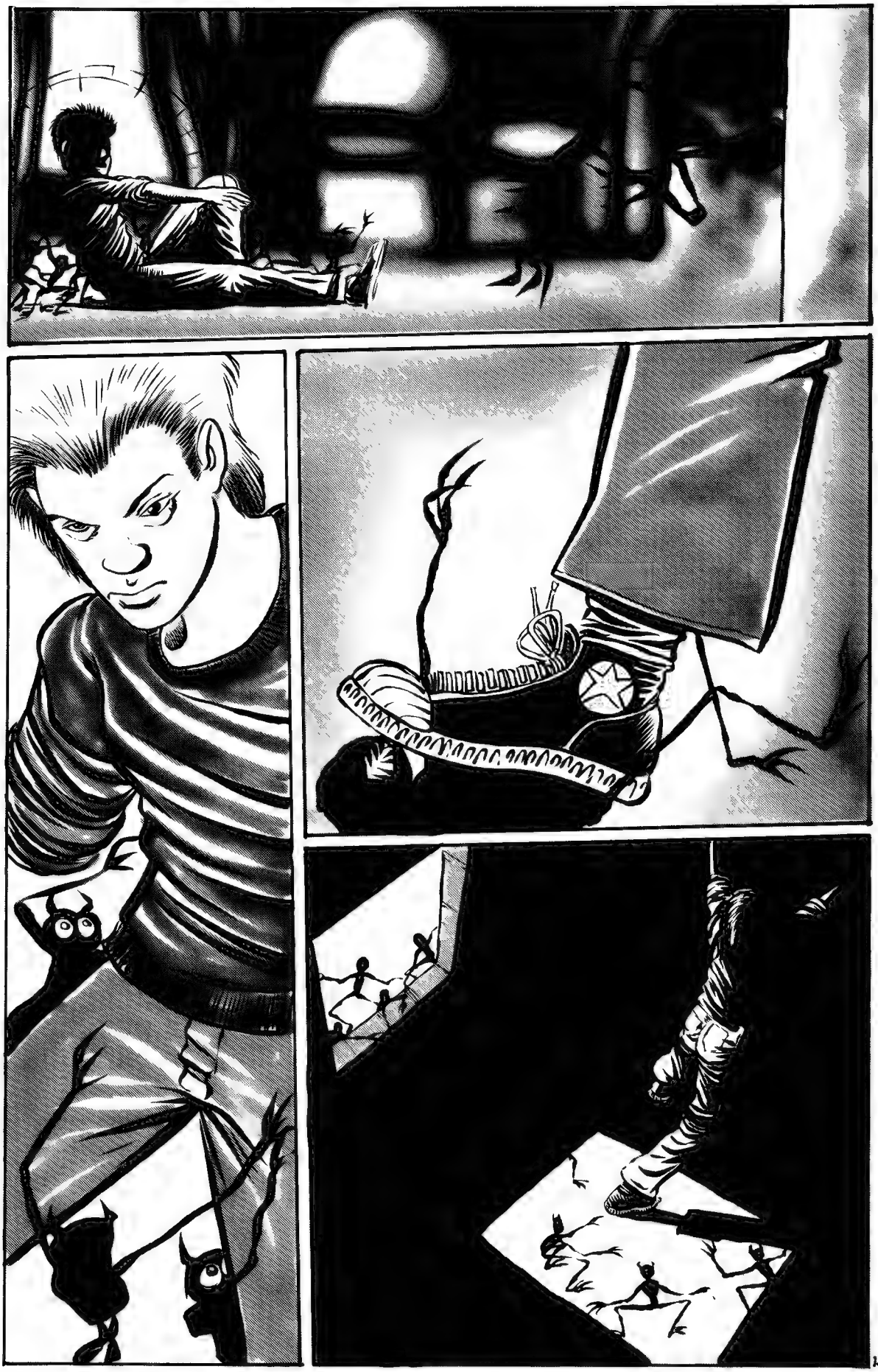
WAS IT ONLY AN HOUR AGO HE'D SET OUT TO AIDIN'S HOUSE TO PROTECT HIS FRIEND FROM THE VAMPIRE?
POOR AIDIN DIDN'T UNDERSTAND.
HE HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING HOW MUCH DANGER HE WAS IN.
HE COULDN'T TELL REALITY FROM HIS DREAMS ANY LONGER.
THE WILD BOY.
HE'D SEEN HIM AROUND THE VILLAGE BEFORE. THE PEOPLE TOLERATED HIM... SAID HE WAS CRAZY.
BUT HIS EYES GAVE HIM AWAY. HE KNEW WHAT HUE WAS, AND HE'D SPIKED HIM.

NO BLOOD, AND THE WOUND WOULD HEAL QUICKLY.
ONCE A VAMPIRE, ALWAYS A VAMPIRE.
AIDIN STILL NEEDED HIM, MORE THAN EVER. TOO MUCH TIME HAD PASSED.
YET THE BOY WAS STILL OUT THERE... HUNTING.


THEY CAME FROM THE FIRST COUNTRY, LONG AGO, FOLLOWING THE ROMANS.
THEY WATCHED WITH GREEDY EYES AS HADRIAN BUILT THE WALL TO KEEP THE PEOPLE BACK.
THEY FED AS BRITAIN GREW. THE SAXONS CAME; THE NORMANS FOLLOWED.
BACK AND FORTH THE RUSH OF HUMANITY OVER THE TINY ISLAND.
THE DRUIDS FOUND A WAY TO KILL THEM. THE GERMANS NAMED THEM VAMPIRE!
THE LAND ITSELF REPELLED AT THEIR TOUCH, AND THE GREEN MAN CALLED HIS FOLLOWERS TO HUNT THEM.

DAY AND NIGHT AND DAY AND NIGHT...BLENDING TOGETHER INTO A SOLID SHADE OF GREY IN AIDIN'S MIND.
SHE HAD DISTURBED HIS OWN PERSONAL MEMORIES,
ASSAULTED HIS SOUL.
INTERRUPTED HIS LIFE.
HUE WAS LATE. HE SAID HE'D HELP BUT HE NEVER CAME.

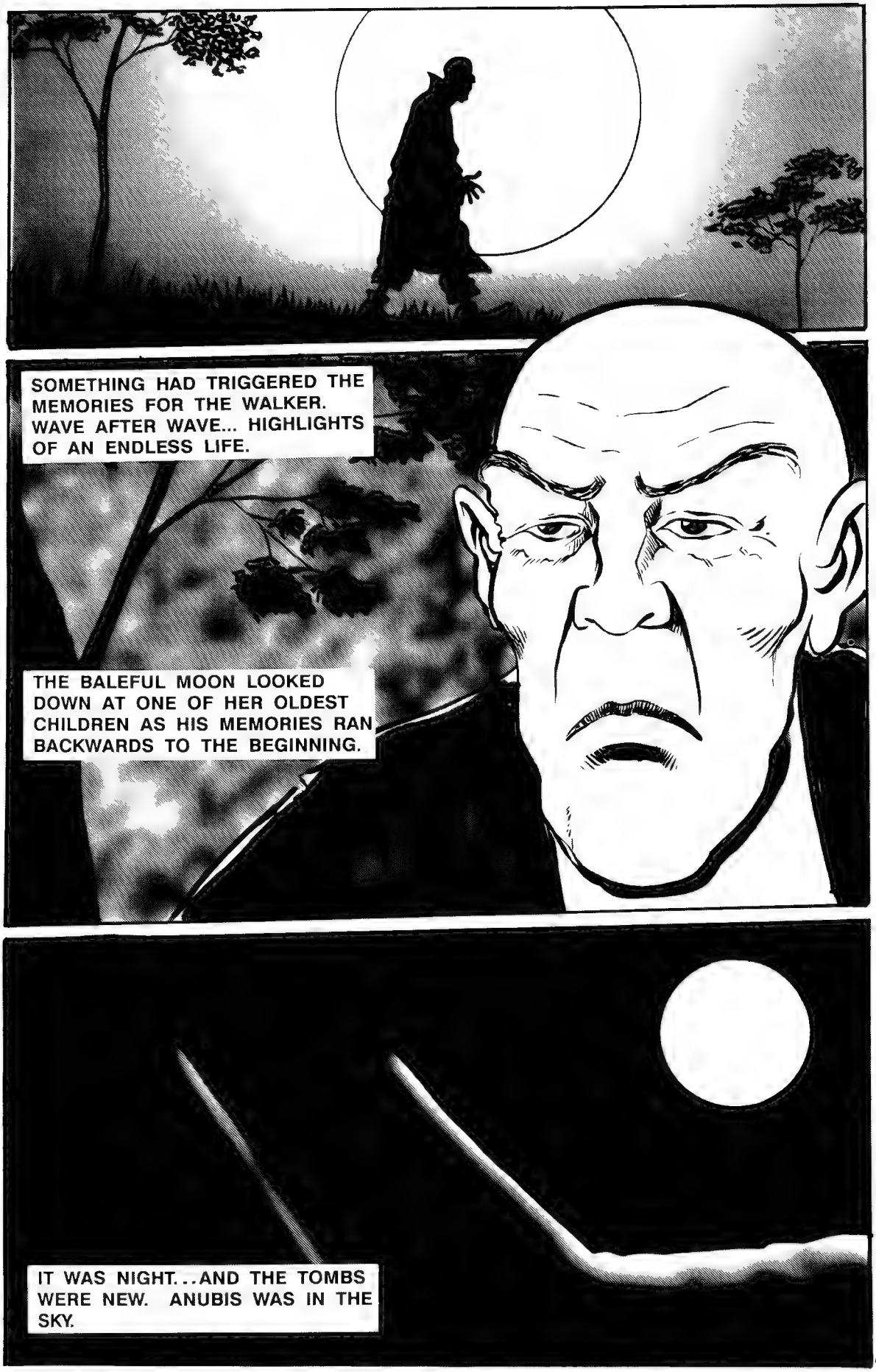
OR DID HE DREAM IT ALL?
WAS HE DREAMING NOW?
YES.



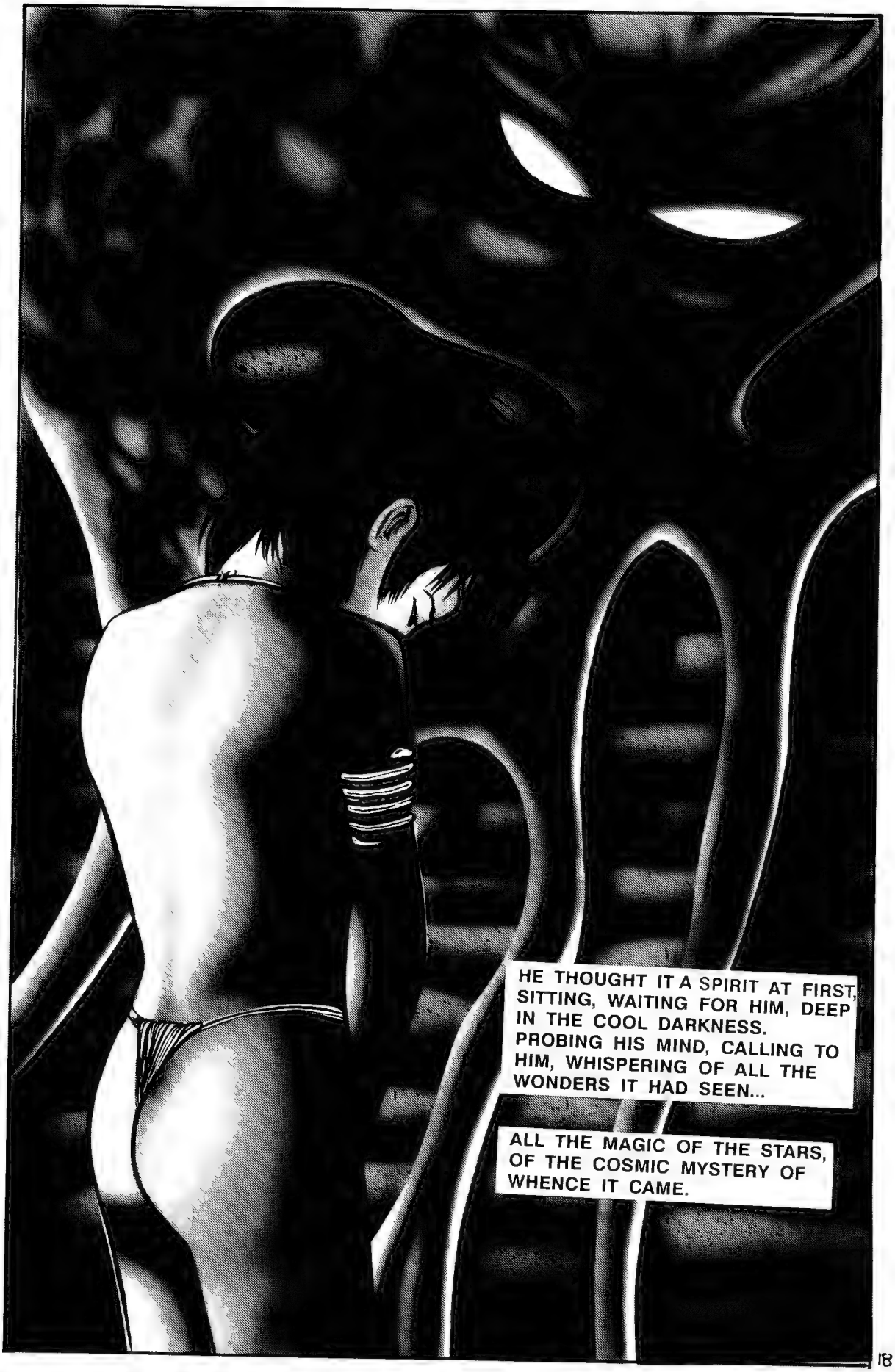
AIDIN WAS IN DANGER.
HUE KNEW HE HAD TO GET THERE, BUT THE WILD BOY WAS STILL OUT THERE IN THE MIST.
ON THE HUNT.
AND HUE WAS STILL WEAK.
VAMPIRE!

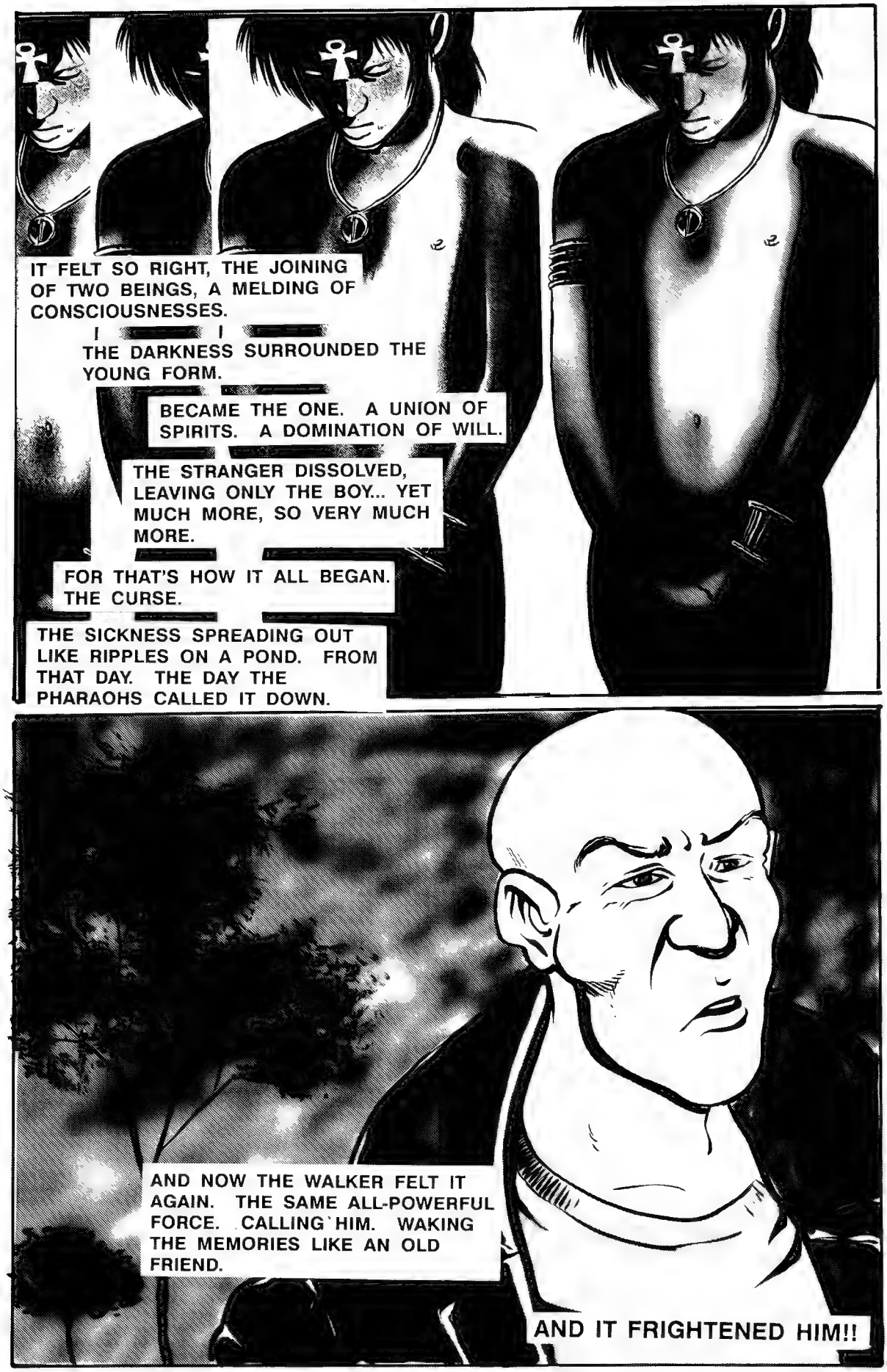
AH, SHIT, KID. I'M FINISHED WITH THIS ! GO AHEAD, PUT AN ARROW THROUGH ME.
ONLY THIS TIME TRY NOT TO MISS MY HEART.
NO.

I'VE WATCHED YOU SINCE YOU CAME HERE TO THE VILLAGE. YOUR EVIL HAS DIMINISHED.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE ONE MY MASTER SPOKE OF. BUT I SENSE ANOTHER, CLOSE BY.
A TRUE EVIL.
THE ONE I SEEK.
THAT ONE WILL DIE THIS NIGHT.
WAIT, PUCK.
WE GO TOGETHER.


SOMETHING HAD TRIGGERED THE MEMORIES FOR THE WALKER. WAVE AFTER WAVE... HIGHLIGHTS OF AN ENDLESS LIFE.
THE BALEFUL MOON LOOKED DOWN AT ONE OF HER OLDEST CHILDREN AS HIS MEMORIES RAN BACKWARDS TO THE BEGINNING.
IT WAS NIGHT...AND THE TOMBS WERE NEW. ANUBIS WAS IN THE SKY.

HE WAS A BOY. HE COULDN'T SLEEP THAT NIGHT... HIS FIRST NIGHT...
NO ONE WAS AROUND THE NEW PYRAMIDS. THEY STOOD ALONE AND QUIET ON THE ENDLESS SANDS.
ONLY A YEAR BEFORE THOUSANDS OF SLAVES TOILED BENEATH THE MERCILESS SUN TO COMPLETE THE STRUCTURES THAT NOW STOOD MUTE TESTIMONY TO ALL THOSE WHO DIED.

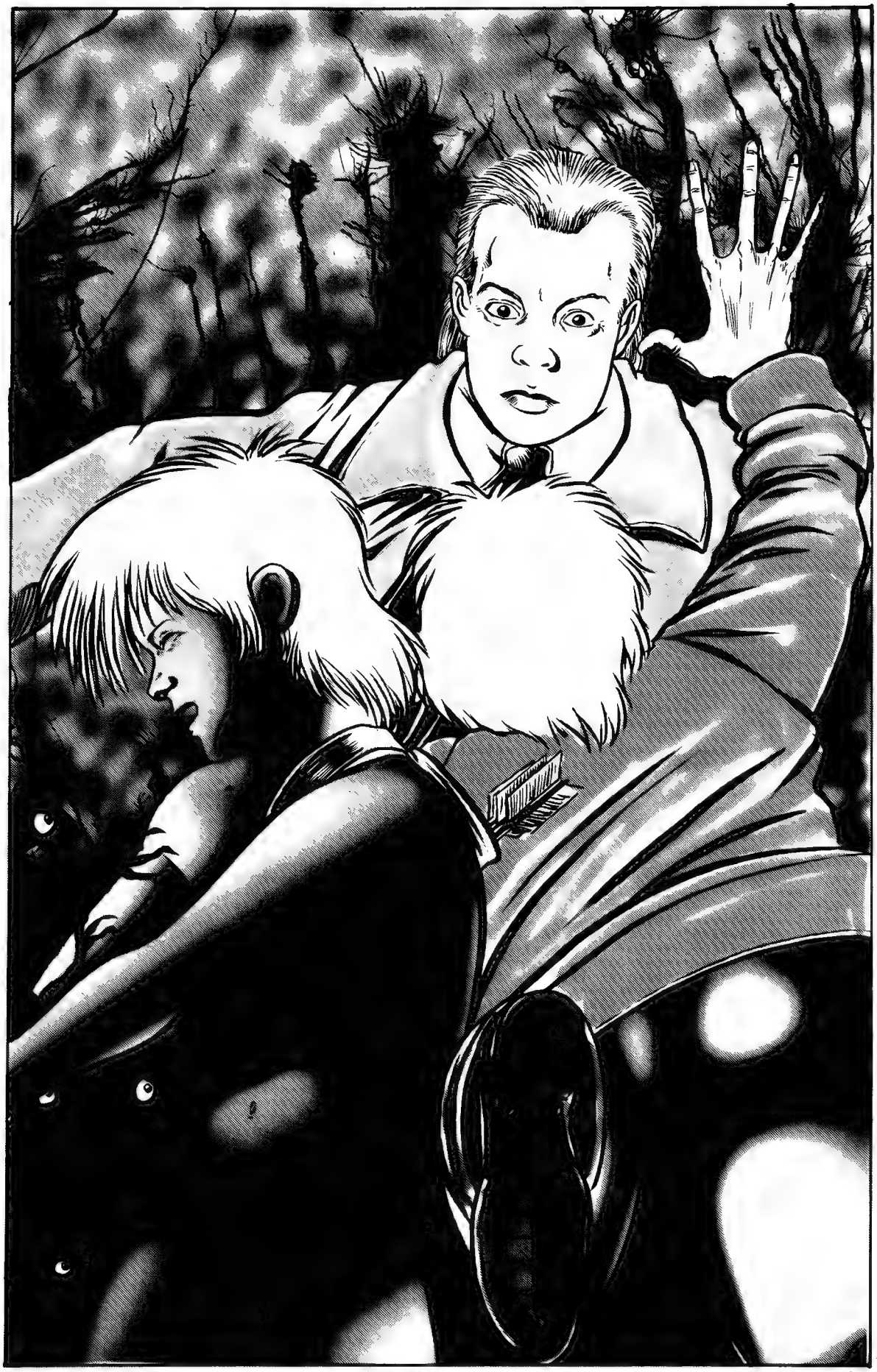

HE THOUGHT IT A SPIRIT AT FIRST, SITTING, WAITING FOR HIM, DEEP IN THE COOL DARKNESS. PROBING HIS MIND, CALLING TO HIM, WHISPERING OF ALL THE WONDERS IT HAD SEEN...
ALL THE MAGIC OF THE STARS, OF THE COSMIC MYSTERY OF WHENCE IT CAME.

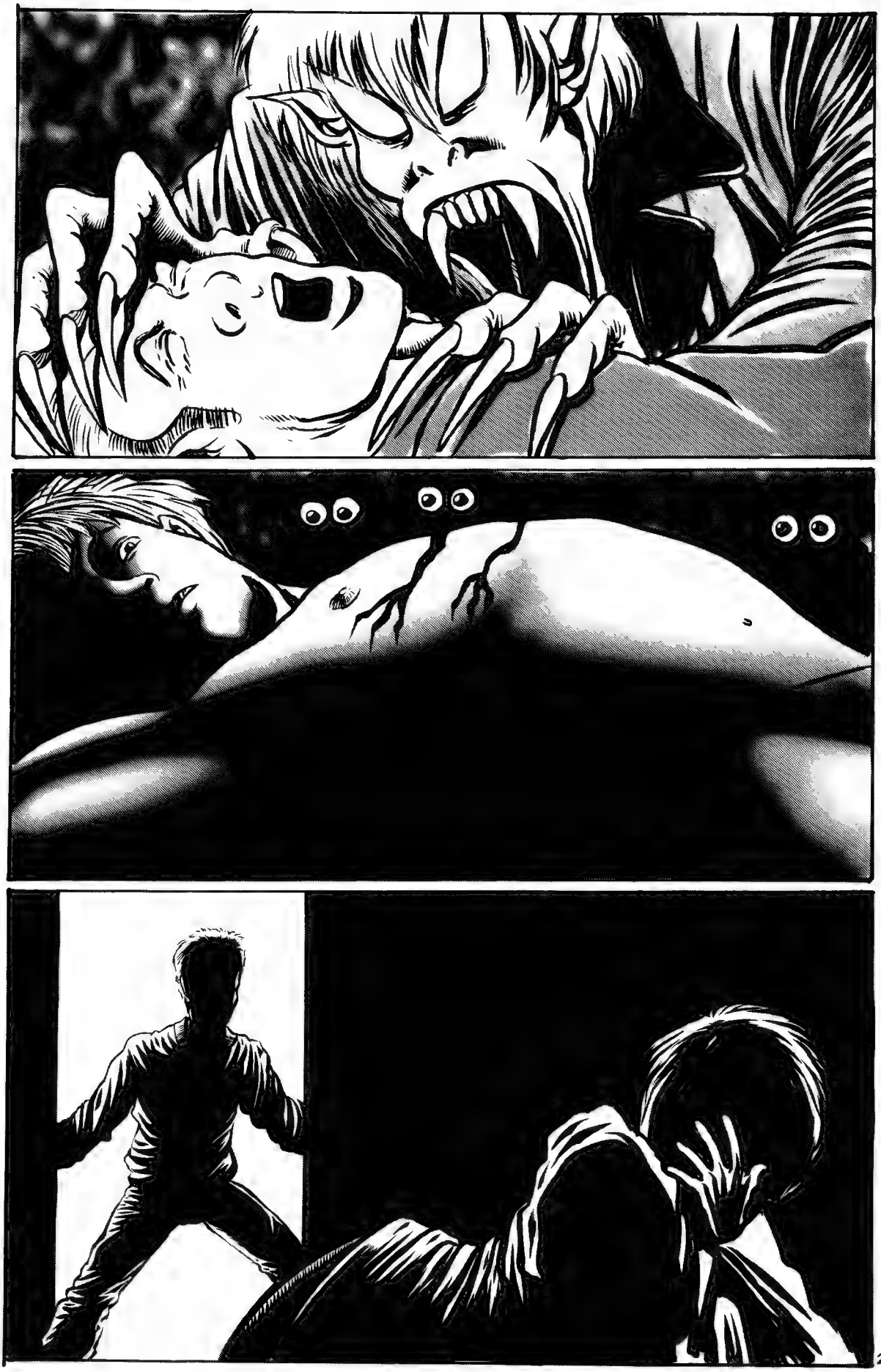

IT FELT SO RIGHT, THE JOINING OF TWO BEINGS, A MELDING OF CONSCIOUSNESSES.
THE DARKNESS SURROUNDED THE YOUNG FORM.
BECAME THE ONE. A UNION OF SPIRITS. A DOMINATION OF WILL.
THE STRANGER DISSOLVED, LEAVING ONLY THE BOY... YET MUCH MORE, SO VERY MUCH MORE.
FOR THAT'S HOW IT ALL BEGAN. THE CURSE.
THE SICKNESS SPREADING OUT LIKE RIPPLES ON A POND. FROM THAT DAY. THE DAY THE PHARAOHS CALLED IT DOWN.
AND NOW THE WALKER FELT IT AGAIN. THE SAME ALL-POWERFUL FORCE. CALLING HIM. WAKING THE MEMORIES LIKE AN OLD FRIEND.
AND IT FRIGHTENED HIM!!

I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANY MORE !!
THEY'RE IN HERE WITH ME ! SCURRYING AROUND IN THE DARK. FRAGMENTS OF MY MIND !
IT'S ALL DRAINING AWAY FROM ME. MY WILL, MY CONSCIOUSNESS. EVERYTHING THAT'S ME...
HUE, WHERE ARE YOU ?!?

AIDIN, MY LOVE, YOU DON'T NEED YOUR FRIEND. WE ONLY NEED EACH OTHER.
COME TO ME, MY DARLING.
B...BIANCA !?
YES, MY TREASURE.
PLEASE, LET ME TRANSFORM YOU INTO ALL YOU CAN BE. TOGETHER WE CAN LOVE FOREVER.
NO ! I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE !
CAN'T YOU LEAVE ME ALONE ?!
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE !
AIDIN, COME BACK !

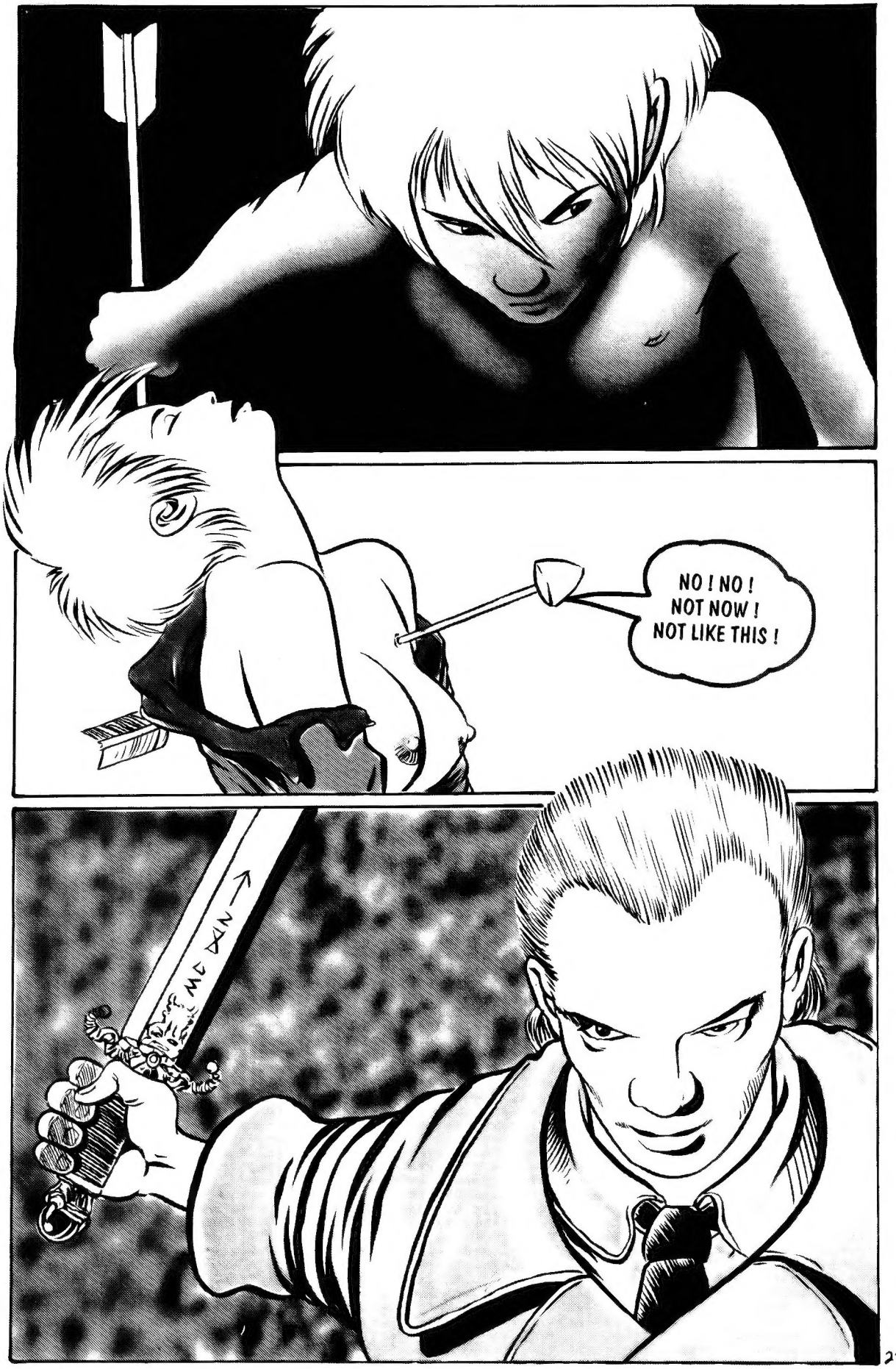
THE DOOR'S BEEN BREACHED. THE CHARMS FAILED.
TINY CLAW MARKS IN THE DOOR FRAME.
EVIL IS AT WORK HERE.
THERE ARE EYES ON US.
MORE THAN EYES, SCUM.





LEAVE THEM, AIDIN. LEAVE THEM TO THEIR FATE.
YOU ARE DESTINED FOR OTHER THINGS. SO MUCH WONDER AWAITS YOU. YOU'RE SO LUCKY.
I'M GOING INSANE. INSANE!
NO. NO, AIDIN. YOU'RE JUST AWAKENING, BECOMING WHAT YOU TRULY DESERVE TO BE.
I CAN'T FIGHT THIS ANY LONGER. I JUST CAN'T.
COME AWAY WITH ME, MY DARLING. LET BOSHA ENJOY HER DINNER.

AAAKKKKK!
NO, SHE LIKES ME. SHE'S MY FRIEND!
BIANCA LIED TO YOU, VAMPIRE. SHE LEFT YOU HERE TO SLOW US UP.
YOU...YOU'RE NOT HUMAN. BIANCA SAID YOU WERE HUMAN!


NO ! NO !
NOT NOW !
NOT LIKE THIS !
MC DIN

SHE GOT HIM, PUCK. SHE GOT AIDIN !
SHE'LL BRING HIM BACK TO SUFFOLK HALL.
THEN THAT'S WHERE WE MUST GO !!